

REMARKS

1. The Examiner suggests that claims 1-17, 20-21, 24-25, 27-40, 42, 44, and 47-48 are obvious in light of Beatson et al (US 5,892,824) in view of Brown (US 6,023,686). However, the Applicant submits that many of the features of these claims are not found in the cited documents. A number of pertinent examples are provided below:

(a) Each of the independent claims (1, 4, 5, 29, 32 and 33) include a form "*including coded data indicative of an identity of the form and of at least one reference point of the form.*" Neither Beatson nor Brown disclose any coded data on any forms. In particular, column 6, lines 20-60 of Beatson and Figure 6 of Brown (referred to by the Examiner) contain no such disclosure. Since neither of the citations disclose any coded data or its use in enabling an auction seller to seek bids, the Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider this objection.

(b) In each of the independent claims (1, 4, 5, 29, 32 and 33) the sensing device is defined as performing the steps of "*when placed in an operative position relative to the form, sensing the indicating data using at least some of the coded data.*" In the Beatson arrangement, the sensing device comprises a tablet and stylus arrangement which does not generate data using any coded data on the form. In contrast, the position of the stylus relative to the tablet is determined using electromagnetic sensing techniques (See col. 10 lines 12 to 18). Beatson therefore does not disclose a sensing device which generates indicating data "*using at least some of the coded data.*"

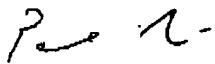
2. Since independent claims 1, 4, 5, 29, 32 and 33 are not anticipated by the cited art, the Applicant submits that the dependent claims are similarly not anticipated. The Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider his obviousness objection to claims 1-17, 20-21, 24-25, 27-40, 42, 44, and 47-48.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIn the Specification:

The section beginning at page 1, lines 16-25 to be amended as follows:

~~NPA014US, NPA015US, NPA022US, NPA023US, NPA024US, NPA025US,
NPA026US, NPA037US, NPA038US, NPA041US, NPA047US, NPA049US,
NPA050US, NPA051US, NPA052US, NPA053US, NPA063US, NPA065US,
NPA067US, NPA068US, NPA069US, NPA071US, NPA072US, NPB003US,
NPB004US, NPB005US, NPP019US, PEC04US, PEC05US, PEC06US,
PEC07US~~

~~The disclosures of these co-pending applications are incorporated herein by cross-reference.
Each application is temporarily identified by its docket number. This will be replaced by the
corresponding USSN when available.~~

<u>--09/609.139,</u>	<u>09/608.970,</u>	<u>09/609.039,</u>	<u>09/663.579,</u>
<u>09/663.599,</u>	<u>09/607.852,</u>	<u>09/607.656,</u>	<u>09/609.132,</u>
<u>09/663.701,</u>	<u>09/663.640,</u>	<u>09/609.303,</u>	<u>09/610.095,</u>
<u>09/609.596,</u>	<u>09/693.705,</u>	<u>09/607.843,</u>	<u>09/607.605,</u>
<u>09/608.178,</u>	<u>09/609.553,</u>	<u>09/609.233,</u>	<u>09/609.149,</u>
<u>09/608.022,</u>	<u>09/609.232,</u>	<u>09/607.844,</u>	<u>09/607.657,</u>
<u>09/608.920,</u>	<u>09/607.985,</u>	<u>09/607.990,</u>	<u>09/607.196,</u>
<u>09/606.999</u>			

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The section beginning at page 1, lines 29-35 through to page 2, lines 1-10 to be amended as follows:

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NPA018US, NPA019US, NPA020US, NPA021US, NPA030US, NPA035US,
NPA048US, NPA075US, NPB001US, NPB002US, NPK002US, NPK003US,
NPK004US, NPK005US, NPM001US, NPM002US, NPM003US, NPM004US,
NPN001US, NPP001US, NPP003US, NPP005US, NPP006US, NPP007US,
NPP008US, NPP016US, NPP017US, NPP018US, NPS001US, NPS003US,
NPS020US, NPT001US, NPT002US, NPT003US, NPT004US, NPX001US,
NPX003US, NPX008US, NPX011US, NPX014US, NPX016US, IJ52US,
IJ52US, MJ10US, MJ11US, MJ12US, MJ13US, MJ14US,
MJ15US, MJ34US, MJ47US, MJ58US, MJ62US, MJ63US,
PAK04US, PAK05US, PAK06US, PAK07US, PAK08US, PEC01US,
PEC02US, PEC03US~~

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<u>09/575,197,</u>	<u>09/575,195,</u>	<u>09/575,159,</u>	<u>09/575,132,</u>
<u>09/575,123,</u>	<u>09/575,148,</u>	<u>09/575,130,</u>	<u>09/575,165,</u>
<u>09/575,153,</u>	<u>09/575,118,</u>	<u>09/575,131,</u>	<u>09/575,116,</u>
<u>09/575,144,</u>	<u>09/575,139,</u>	<u>09/575,186,</u>	<u>09/575,185,</u>
<u>09/575,191,</u>	<u>09/575,145,</u>	<u>09/575,192,</u>	<u>09/575,181,</u>
<u>09/575,193,</u>	<u>09/575,156,</u>	<u>09/575,183,</u>	<u>09/575,160,</u>
<u>09/575,150,</u>	<u>09/575,169,</u>	<u>09/575,184,</u>	<u>09/575,128,</u>
<u>09/575,180,</u>	<u>09/575,149,</u>	<u>09/575,179,</u>	<u>09/575,187,</u>
<u>09/575,155,</u>	<u>09/575,133,</u>	<u>09/575,143,</u>	<u>09/575,196,</u>
<u>09/575,198,</u>	<u>09/575,178,</u>	<u>09/575,164,</u>	<u>09/575,146,</u>
<u>09/575,174,</u>	<u>09/575,163,</u>	<u>09/575,168,</u>	<u>09/575,154,</u>
<u>09/575,129,</u>	<u>09/575,124,</u>	<u>09/575,188,</u>	<u>09/575,189,</u>
<u>09/575,162,</u>	<u>09/575,172,</u>	<u>09/575,170,</u>	<u>09/575,171,</u>
<u>09/575,161,</u>	<u>09/575,141,</u>	<u>09/575,125,</u>	<u>09/575,142,</u>
<u>09/575,140,</u>	<u>09/575,190,</u>	<u>09/575,138,</u>	<u>09/575,126,</u>
<u>09/575,127,</u>	<u>09/575,158,</u>	<u>09/575,117,</u>	<u>09/575,147,</u>
<u>09/575,152,</u>	<u>09/575,176,</u>	<u>09/575,115,</u>	<u>09/575,114,</u>
<u>09/575,113,</u>	<u>09/575,112,</u>	<u>09/575,111,</u>	<u>09/575,108,</u>
<u>09/575,109,</u>	<u>09/575,110</u>		

The disclosures of these co-pending applications are incorporated herein by reference.—